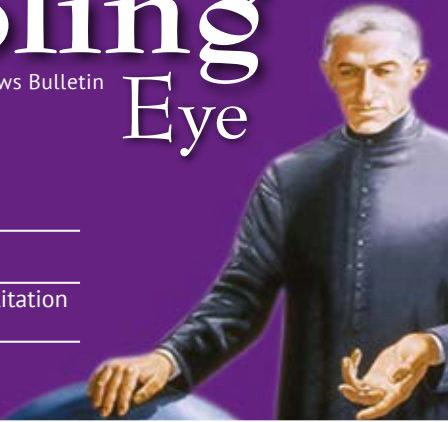
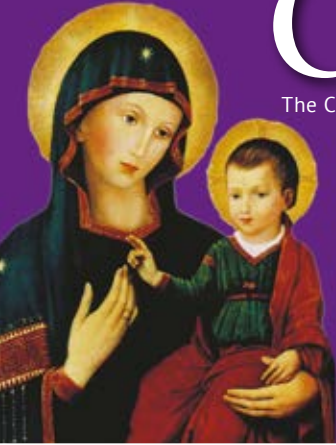


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Consolata Shrine, Westlands, Nairobi



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Thanks be to God

Dear parishioners,

Though I am writing still from my home leave, I wish you well and all the best for this great feast of the Family Day.

I am sure that each and everyone of us has a lot to thank God for. We thank God for the good things; we thank God for seeing us through in different moments; we thank God for giving us Faith to keep trusting in Him, even in cases where darkness seems to overtake us.

Definitely, as a Family of Consolata Shrine, 2017 has marked the beginning of few things. Among others I would wish to underline:

1. The concrete beginning of the Allamano Centre. A project that was being worked upon for the last almost four years, saw

its blessing, ground breaking and work upto the point which you can observe by yourselves. We reached this far, thanks to your commitment. We know that the political situation of the country has affected many economic sectors, including your own pockets in a way. That is why we appreciate your effort so much! We really hope, that we keep moving together, and as we pray for stability in the country, we hope that you are able to keep sustaining this project which will benefit the Parish at large. At the same time, don't shy off from sharing this project with others, and making your passion for it, a contagious passion towards them. In this way, we make our Shrine, the Family which Blessed Allamano wanted for all his members, a place where we not only come to receive, but where we arrive

Pope's Prayers Intentions for December 2017

For the elderly:

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



and join, where we contribute, enjoy, and share, and even where we die with concern for one another.

2. The creation of new SCCs (Small Christian Communities). After noticing a significant number of parishioners coming from James Gichuru upwards, and upon their request, members themselves have come up with new Small Christian Communities. Alive and active, many of them will witness their participation as the best thing that happened to them in the last times. We continue asking God's blessing for them and *karibuni wote*, all those who wish to join them. In this way... we make our Shrine... the Family of families, the Family of Small Christian Communities.
3. The creation of the Groups of Professionals. Once more, this has been an initiative which we were working upon since at least a couple of years ago. It is about the offer to professionals who may or may not be able to join a SCC, to be able still to gather as a Christian and reflect upon their lives, and put their talents at the service of the Kingdom of God; that Kingdom being... their families, their place of work, the society, our Shrine, the Church at large... the world! We appreciate the efforts of all those who coordinated the first steps and those who are taking some leadership role in these groups. Being something relatively new, and

where more than offering a way... we invite everybody to be participative in drawing and walking the way and the talk, I really encourage all to keep it up and dream to make again... of our Shrine... the Family who shares talents at the service of the Kingdom of God!

4. We can't forget to recognize and to thank the work done at our "princess" community, St Joseph – Deep Sea. I call it the princess community, because even if we don't mention it so much, our eyes are often put upon that community. We serve it with a privilege heart, we learn from it with surprising eyes. The challenges that come from that community, make us to invest time, personnel and finances in it, as Parish and through COYREP for its social point of view. Yet, their openness and support among themselves and towards the activities of the Shrine, help us to say... "how right St John Paul II was when he invited people to share from their own poverty"! St Joseph, Deep Sea, knows what it means. To some groups I posed the challenge to go at least once for mass there before the year ends. I wish to pose the challenge to each and everyone of you to attend any of the celebrations or going by our own means if you haven't done it yet.

Of course that many other activities happened... organized by different

Letter

committees, pastoral groups, lay missionaries, etc.

Let me say, and on behalf of the pastoral team, a big thank you to all those who in one way or another made all this possible!

What next?

We are starting a new year. Even if the year of the Family gets to its end, in itself *the Family* remains an on-going journey. I wish that each and every one of us, as an individual, a member of a family, of a workplace, of a group that either belongs or don't belong to the church, member of the society... at whatever level... we commit ourselves to be members of the family of Jesus at all times: "whoever listens to my Word and puts it into practice is my Brother, and Mother and Sister" and that we really live as brothers and sisters of ALL, in our families, in the Church, in the Society, becoming other living Christs as much as we can, leaving aside other plans that we may have.

In this second year of the Pastoral Plan, we had made an *option for the Youth*, in view of the special Youth Congress organized by the Church. Let us all put efforts to involve them and to let them feel the Church, not only as a space we invite them to, but as a space that belongs to them. That requires not much criticism to what they might do or propose, but let us welcome initiatives which help

them to feel the Church as the heart of Christ who waits for them, in order to assist them to make in the future a better discernment of what they want to do... of how they want to spend their lives. Yet, making the journey together, will strengthen the whole Family of the Consolata Shrine... and of the Consolata Missionary Family.

We keep praying for the country, hoping that we can move ahead, and while searching for peace, we learn lessons to keep preparing more smooth roads in our daily lives for the good of all. Our consciences, which are God's voice, will judge us.

Blessed month, blessed Family Day, blessed beginning of Advent, renewing in ourselves the hope the Messiah who is with us, while we await his second coming; but at the same time, doing something to bring that hope to others. For example, Could you take a child from a children's home for Christmas at your own home?

All the best! May Our Lady Consolata, Blessed Joseph Allamano and Blessed Sister Irene intercede for us all! **CE**

Fr Daniel Berteau
Father In-charge

Happy Thanksgiving!



CONSOLATA SHRINE

FAMILY

THANKSGIVING / HARVEST DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD 2017

All Masses will be celebrated as usual.

Thanksgiving/Harvest collection will be done immediately after Holy Communion. Families will proceed to the Altar with their envelopes/items, where they will be Blessed by the Priest.

This is in honour of thanking Our Lord for the abundance of Harvest as well as funding various projects undertaken by the Parish.

Immediately following Thanksgiving Masses, there will be **breakfast** served from **9:30am to 12:00noon** and thereafter **Lunch** from **1:00pm to 3:30pm**.

There will be lots of entertainment for the kids and youths all day long.

Let us Give Thanks!



TWENDE SOTE NYUMBANI MWAKE**Twende sote nyumbani mwake -****Bwana Mungu A-ee****Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba
x2**

1. Yeye ndiye kinga yetu - Bwana Mungu a-ee
Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba.
Yeye ndiye nguvu yetu - Bwana Mungu a-ee
Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba
2. Yeye Bwana wa majeshi - Bwana Mungu a-ee
Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba.
Ndiye Mungu wa Yakobo - Bwana Mungu a-ee
Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba
3. Ni mfalme wa dunia - Bwana Mungu a-ee
Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba.
Ni mfalme wa mbinguni - Bwana Mungu a-ee
Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba
4. Ndiye Mungu wa wokovu - Bwana Mungu a-ee
Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba.
Ni hakimu wa dunia - Bwana Mungu a-ee
Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba.
5. Jina lake litukuzwe - Bwana Mungu a-ee
Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba.
Ndiye Mungu Mtakatifu - Bwana Mungu a-ee

Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba.

6. Yeye apendaye haki - Bwana Mungu a-ee
Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba.
Ndiye Mungu mwema kweli - Bwana Mungu a-ee
Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba.
7. Pendo lake la milele - Bwana Mungu a-ee
Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba.
Ndiye Mungu mwaminifu - Bwana Mungu a-ee
Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba.
8. Yeye Mungu wa rehema - Bwana Mungu a-ee
Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba.
Mungu wetu wa milele - Bwana Mungu a-ee
Twende sote nyumbani mwake aliyetuumba.

UTUJIE, MASIYA WETU

1. Bwana huwafanyia hukumu walioowa-
Utujie, Masiya wetu.
2. Huwapa wenye njaa chakula -
3. Bwana huwafungua waliopungwa -
4. Huwafumbua macho waliopofuka -
5. Bwana huwainua walioinama -
6. Bwana huwahifadhi wageni -
7. Huwategemeza yatima na mjane -
8. Bwana huwapenda wanyofu -
9. Bwana atamiliki milele -

Readings for the Family Day 2017**FIRST READING***Be careful that you do not forget the LORD***A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
6:4-12**

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build. Houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

The word of the Lord**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****PS 112:1-4,5-7,8-9***R. Praise the Lord! You family of God.*

Blessed are those who fear the LORD,
WHO FIND GREAT DELIGHT IN HIS COMMANDS,
THEIR CHILDREN WILL BE MIGHTY IN THE LAND,
The generation of the upright will be blessed.

R.

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
And their righteousness endures forever,
Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
For those who are gracious and
compassionate and righteous.

R.

Good will come to those who are generous
and lend freely,
Who give what they have to the poor,
They will be remembered forever,
Their horn will be lifted high in honor.

R.

They will have no fear of bad news;
Their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the
LORD,
Their hearts are secure, they will have no
fear;
In the end they will look in triumph on their
foes.

R.

SECOND READING

Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:12-23

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not harm your children, or they will become discouraged. servants, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the

Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.... **Eph. 3:14-15**

THE GOSPEL

Love one another.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John 15:12-17

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit, fruit that will last and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other. **CE**

The Gospel of the Lord



MISA SENTINARI

BWANA UTUHURUMIE

V: Utuhurumie ee Bwana, ee,
W: **Ee Bwana, ee Bwana,**
V: Utuhurumie ee Bwana, ee,
W: **Ee Bwana, 'tuhurumie.**
V: Utuhurumie ee Bwana, ee,
W: **Ee Bwana, ee Bwana,**
V: Utuhurumie ee Bwana, ee,
W: **Ee Bwana, 'tuhurumie**

**Ee Kristu 'tuhurumie, 'tuhurumie
Utuhurumie ee Bwana ee**

UTUKUFU

V: Utukufu kwa Mungu juu mbinguni,
W: **Na amani iwe kwa watu wenye Mapenzi mema duniani kote.**
V: Tunakusifu,
W: **Tunakusifu, tunakuheshimu, tunakuabudu, tunakutukuza.**
V: Tunakushukuru, Mungu, kwa ajili,
W: **Ya 'tukufu wako mkuu, ee Bwana, ni Mungu ndiwe Mfalme wa mbinguni**
V: Ee Baba Mwenyezi, Bwana Yesu Kristu,
W: **Ee Mwana wa pekee, ee Mungu Mwana Kondoo wa Mungu, Mwana wake Baba.**
V: Mwenye kuondoa dhambi za dunia,
V: **Utuhurumie, tuhurumie, Maombi yetu, Bwana, uyapokee.**
V: Mwenye kuketi kuume kwa Baba,
W: **Utuhurumie, kwa kuwa ndiwe Pekee yako ni Mtakatifu.**
V: Pekee yako, Bwana, pekee yako mkuu,
W: **Ewe Yesu Kristu, pamoja naye Roho Mtakatifu milele yote.**

NITATANGAZA NENO LAKE BWANA

Nitatangaza neno lake Bwana
Kwa mataifa mbalimbali oo

**Na Uganda - waimbe na kumsifu Bwana
Na Kenya - waimbe na kumsifu Bwana
Na Tanzania - waimbe na kumsifu Bwana**

Nitatangaza neno lake Bwana
Kwa makabila mbali mbali oo
Na Tanzania ...
Na Rwanda ...

Nitatangaza Neno lake Bwana
Katika miji mbalimbali oo
Mashariki
Magharibi ...
Kaskazini ...
Kusini ...

NIKUPE NINI MUNGU WANGU

**Nikupe nini Mungu wangu?
Nikupe nini we Mwokozi
Nikupe nini Bwana wangu
Cha kukupendeza? x2**

1. Nakutolea mkate toka mmea wa ngano,
Nakutolea divai ni tunda la mzabibu,
**Ninakuomba Mwokozi, nifanyie msamaha,
Na unipokee; mema unayoyatenda, nitafanya
Nini mimi, nikurudishie.
Nikupe nini....**
2. Kila nitakachoshika mbona bado ni kidogo,
Mema unayoyatenda kwangu mimi naogopa Ninakuomba...
3. Mchana hata usiku wewe wanisimamia,
Na nikiwa safarini waniepusha ajali,
Ninakuomba...
4. Nikiwa na matatizo Bwana wanisaidia,
Nikiwa kwenye majoji Bwana unanifariji.
Ninakuomba...
5. Kama njia siioni wewe unaniongoza,
Na hata nikipotea kwako unanirudisha.
Ninakuomba...

UTUKUZWE EWE BABA MUNGU

1. **Utukuzwe, ewe Baba, Mungu, utukuzwe - Aleluya;
Kwani Yesu Mfufuka ametualika - Aleluya.**
V: **Utukuzwe,**

W: Utukuzwe,
V: Baba, Muumba ulimwengu,
W: Aleluya.
V: Utukuzwe
W: Utukuzwe,
V: Baba Muumba ulimwengu
W: Aleluya.

2. Tumepokea mkate, mazao ya mashamba -
Ndiyo alama kwetu ya wema wako mkuu
3. Ni tunda la bidii ya mkono na ya moyo -
'Jalie uwe kwetu chakula cha uzima -
4. Zawadi ya divai kutoka mizabibu -
Ndiyo alama kwetu ya wema wako mkuu
5. Ni tunda la bidii ya mkono na ya moyo -
'Jalie iwe kwetu kinywaji chake roho
6. Sifa kwako, ee Mungu, kwa kuotesha mkate -
Shukrani kwako, Baba, kwa kutulisha sisi
7. Utukuzwe, ee Mungu, uliyetuchagua -
Tuwe taifa lako na kukutumikia
8. Kwa pendo na fadhili umetufurahisha -
Ukatufikisha kwa sherehe yetu leo
9. Siku ya leo iwe kwa heshima na sifa
Na utukufu wako na kwa mafaa yetu

MTAKATIFU

V: Mtakatifu, mtakatifu
W: Mtakatifu, Bwana Mungu.
 V: Mtakatifu, Mtakatifu
W: Mtakatifu Bwana Mungu, wa Majeshi (x2)

Mbingu na dunia zimejaa utukufu
 Mbingu na dunia, mbingu na dunia,
 Mbingu na dunia zimejaa utukufu wako,
 Zimejaa utukufu wako
Hosana juu, hosana juu,
Hosana juu, hosana juu mbinguni. x2

Mbarikiwa yeye ajaye kwa jina Mbarikiwa
 yeye, Mbarikiwa yeye,
 Mbarikiwa yeye ajaye kwa jina la Bwana,
 Ajaye kwa jina la Bwana.
Hosanna

FUMBO LA IMANI

V: Yesu Kristu alikufa
W: Yesu Kristu alikufa,
 V: Yesu Kristu alifufuka
W: Yesu Kristu atakuja kwetu tena. x2

PEACE IS FLOWING LIKE A RIVER

1. Peace is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me;
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free,
Setting all the captives free.
2. Love is flowing...
3. Hope is flowing...
4. Joy is flowing...

NI WAKATI WA AMANI

1. Ni wakati wa amani - **Yesu atupenda x2**
 Amani yake Bwana - **Yesu atupenda**
Wo wo wo wo wo - Yesu atupenda
Ye ye ye ye ye - Yesu atupenda
2. Ni wakati wa upendo -
3. Ni wakati wa furaha -
4. Ni wakati wa huruma -
5. Ni wakati wa hekima -
6. Ni wakati wa faraja -
7. Ni wakati wa shukrani -
8. Ni wakati wa faraja -

MWANA KONDOO

Ee Mwana kondoo wa Mungu Uondoaye
 dhambi za dunia, ee,
Ee Mwana, 'tuhurumie.
 Mwana kondoo wa Mungu ee,
Ee Mwana, 'tuhurumie. x2
 Mwana kondoo wa Mungu, ee
 Amani utujalie. Mwenye kuondoa dhambi zetu,
 ee
Amani utujalie, utujalie amani, ee,
Amani utujalie, utujalie amani, ee,
Amani utujalie.

AS A DEER PANTETH FOR THE WATER

1. As a deer panteth for the water, so my
soul longeth after Thee

You alone are my heart's desire and I
 long to worship Thee.

You alone are my strength my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield,
You alone are my heart's desire,
and long to worship You

2. I want you more than gold or silver, only
you can satisfy,
You alone are the real joy giver and the
apple of my eye
3. You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a King,
I love you more than any other, so much
more than anything.

SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR

1. Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide
Wash me with waters, gushing from thy
side
2. Strength and protection, may thy
passion be;
O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and
shelter me;
So shall I never, never part from thee.
2. Guard and defend me from the foe
malign,
In death's dread moments, make me only
thine,
Call me and bid me, Come to thee on
high;
Where I may praise thee, with thy saints
for aye.

KESHENI KILA WAKATI

Kesheni kila wakati, (ndugu)
Kila wakati mpate kuokoka.
Kesheni kila wakati, (ndugu)
Kila wakati mpate kuokoka.

1. Kwa maana hamjui siku / atakapokuja
Bwana wenu.
2. Jiwekeni tayari / maana saa msiyodhani

ndipo ajapo Bwana.

3. Heri yake mtumishi / ambaye Bwana
wake atamkuta akikesha.
4. Hakika atamweka / aitunze mali yake
yote.
5. Muwe macho / mioyo yenu isije
ikalemewa na shughuli za maisha haya.
6. Muwe waangalifu / na salini da-ima.
(TB 11-4)

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

1. Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, Salve
Regina!
Hail, Queen of mercy, Queen of love, Salve
Regina!

Sing her praise, ye Cherubim!

Join our song, ye Seraphim!

Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:

Salve, Salve, Salve Regina!

3. Our life, our sweetness here below, Salve
Regina!
From you all grace and comfort flow,
Salve Regina!
3. Our advocate with God on high, Salve
Regina!
To you our pleading voices cry, Salve
Regina!

Celebrating families during the Consolata Shrine Family Day

Family Good Family, Good Church; are the greetings that I was introduced to when I joined Catholic Men Association (CMA) at Consolata Shrine just few years after our wedding at Consolata Shrine. The greetings continued to dominate in each of the meetings that we held, and shortly I became accustomed to them and even ended up serving as the CMA vice-chairman.



Susan and Jeremiah during their wedding.

The words from Colossians 3:14, "And above all these, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" ("*Zaidi ya hayo yote jivikeni upendo, ndio kifungo cha ukamilifu*") still linger in our minds as they were in the reading that we had chosen during our wedding and which the main celebrant, Fr. Daniel Berteza, by then an assistant Parish priest, dwelled on in the homily. Shortly after, we were declared husband and wife hence starting the journey of our Christian family life. It is worth mentioning that while I grew up in Catholic Church back in the village and obtaining my sacraments early in my teenage life, my wife Susan (whom I call "Sue") came from Nairobi Pentecostal Church (NPC) although she schooled at Consolata Shrine Primary School and Precious Blood Riruta High School. This was a hurdle that we had to overcome when we were dating and she humbly agreed to start her adult catholic catechism, receiving

her sacraments during Easter vigil mass eight months before our wedding. This was a great sacrifice and a milestone to ensure we remained united and aligned in matters of spirituality so as to give a common direction to our children in future.

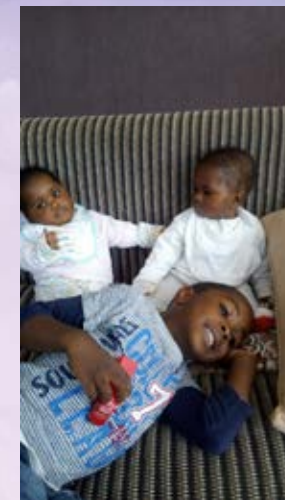
Every Sunday we would attend the 7.30am mass at Consolata apart from the days when we were having CMA meeting and we would attend the 9.00am mass. Susan would remain in the car park waiting for me till I finish the meeting and then we would go home. But this changed when we were blessed with our first born son, Leo, in June 2013 (who received his sacrament of baptism in October 2013 by Fr. Daniel), we moved to 9am mass, and when we would be having the CMA meeting, she would not wait for me and I would take a matatu home. In

our short stays in UAE, where I have been on a work assignment, we attend 10.15am mass on Fridays (the official worship day) at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Jebel Ali.

Mass celebration remains core in our family and now we also enjoy seeing our son Leo leading prayers for food. I must appreciate my wife who taught him how to pray and also he came up with his own way of praying courtesy of the teachings he gets from Sunday school. This is in line with the emphasis that was made by Bishop Paul Hinder of Southern Arabia Vicariate in his August 2017 pastoral letter where he said "it is from the lips of their mothers and fathers that children learn the fundamental Christian prayers and fundamental Christian truths. Catechism in the parish only completes and deepens what has been laid as a foundation in the family."

In April this year, we received the greatest surprise and miracle in our young family; we were blessed with twin girls, Verena and Villana. Why a miracle? Because none of our families has ever had twins. We had waited for nearly four years to have a second baby and God saw it better to bless our long wait with the twins. Our joy was cut short after Villana developed some complications and was admitted immediately after birth and remained in hospital for 28 days with 19 days in ICU. My wife was discharged with Verena after 4 days and it became my responsibility of being with Villana. Since she was in ICU, I would only be there during the day to regularly check on her and get updates

from the doctor. It was a time for us to pray for her healing, we offered rosary for her daily, sought intercession of Blessed Sr. Irene Stefani, and we were joined by our families and friends including Fr. Daniel who severally came at night in the hospital to pray with us and bless the baby. God answered all the prayers and she is now healthy and full of smiles.



Son, Leo and twin girls Verena and Villana.

The family, being the smallest unit in a church, is where spirituality begins coupled with the feeling of love and partnership. The relationship with Christ begins within our families with a lot of humanity and this gives the face of Christ in the church. Each one of us belong to a family, and since the climate of dialogue and prayer between husband and wife, parents and children is irreplaceable, then the strong family bond helps to unite the church to be a big family where all of us draw strength and inspiration especially when we participate in the meal of Christ, the Holy Eucharist. **CE**

By Jeremiah Ndurungo
Parishioner, Consolata Shrine

Pictorial



Family Thanksgiving Day - All that we have comes from the Lord, we should thank the Lord for all he bestows upon us as a loving Father to their children. HAPPY FAMILY THANKSGIVING DAY!



The month of November celebrating the Feast of All Saints and All Souls, and praying for the souls during this month.



26th November 2017 - Celebrating the Feast of Christ The King



Progress on the Allamano Centre, let us continue to support this project through our prayers and financial support

Pictorial

Pictures courtesy of Eric Fernandes



26th November 2017 - A new section within the Prayer Garden, the grotto of Our Lady of Fatima.



Celebrating Holy mass on Upendo Day 29th September.



Blessed Joseph Allamano Choir (10.30) after Holy Mass at Deep Sea Church.



Adoration Committee Annual Retreat anti clockwise
Convener Liz Githora; Special Minister Charles Otieno; parishioners Hannah and her daughter Philomena.



Our fellow-parishioners at Deep Sea suffered yet another terrible fire which burned down several homes at the end of November. One little girl, Denic Wanjiku, lost her life, too in the tragedy. We pray for her eternal rest. Any parishioner able to assist the homeless at this difficult time please contact the Parish Office. God bless you!

Celebrating families during the Consolata Shrine Family Day

1. Who is Sarah Ouma?

My full name is Sarah Waithira Ouma. I am a wife, a mother, a staunch Catholic, a lover of all activities outdoor and a Program Manager at Carolina for Kibera.

2. Tell us about your family?

I have been blessed with a great family. My husband, a great man, is called Steve Ouma Akoth, we were married at Consolata Shrine on 4th September 2008, 5 years after our customary wedding. I have 2 wonderful daughters, Linet Achieng' Auma and Zawadi Wanjiku Auma. Linet is 18 years old and is currently sitting for her KSCE while Zawadi is 9 years old is in PMC and altar serving.

3. Tell us about your journey of faith.

I was born, bred and buttered in the catholic faith. My mum is a catechist at Kariobangi. For me my faith has always been a wonderful positive anchor in my life. Everything I do, I dedicate a prayer to it. I remember when I was looking for work, I went to the Subukia Shrine and prayed about it. God has always been faithful to me, because I believe I got my current job because of the prayers I dedicated in Subukia. This is just an example of the wonderful and powerful favor I've received from prayers. Even when I am faced with a challenge or a stumbling block, I always put prayer first and God makes a way for me.

4. Has it been difficult being a Christian in the Catholic tradition in today's environment?

Yes, I have been in situations where I couldn't openly say I'm catholic because of the

criticism extended to the faith. This criticism comes both from friends and strangers at occasions. But you know, every dark cloud has a silver lining. I've also met people who admire our faith. For instance the structure and order of mass has people wanting to borrow a leaf from us. The fact that you can walk into church and see the priest dressed in purple or green, and you as a Catholic knows instantly know what that means, is a source of inspiration to others.

In addition to that, church retreats that remind us of our catechism are really vital and I have loved them especially in this Year of Family. I also believe that the church is more digitized now than it was 10 years ago.

5. What are the joys and challenges of teaching and passing on your faith to the children?

I think it is important to introduce your children to the faith when they are as young 2 years old. I made a point of introducing my daughters to the church from the time they came into my life. Some of the challenges I've faced with my children is them having a feeling that they are out of place in church. They were concerned that the congregation is majorly a generation older than they are and the mass being too long. So they felt like they were not able to relate to what is happening. To address this my husband and I advised our children to listen to the sermons because they are important and also to be proactive and participate fully in their peers' meetings. I think it would be wonderful if the church came up with ideas on how the teens and young ones would be engaged

and also learn in the process together with their peers!!

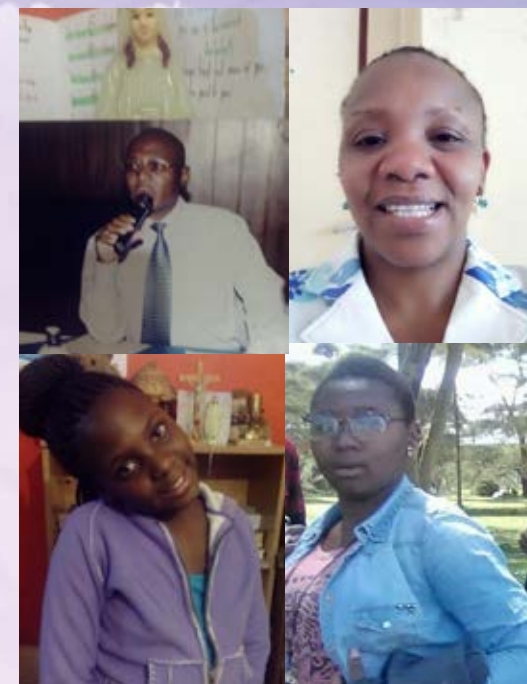
It warms my heart and gives me joy to see them turn to God in all aspects of life. I'm also happy to see them enjoy the activities of the church and they don't feel pressured to be Catholics.

6. Can you please share with the Parish Family, one activity which has enriched the spiritual life of your own Family?

We pray more as a family. Not just coming to church together, but even when at home we pray together. We also help the needy as a family, we call them to our home where we pray together and try to solve issues as a family. It's deeply spiritual and this helps strengthen the spiritual bond between ourselves and God. This is also a teaching moment for our daughters, the importance of praying together, with friends, family and people in need.

7. What advice can you give young couples who are just starting their families?

We are in a very different generation from the one we were brought up in as children and it's very important to recognize and appreciate that things are constantly changing. I would advise young parents to bring up their children in the Christian way, let them know God as much as possible. Let them know that God is their biggest fan, He is always rooting for them in life. I would also advise them to take charge of their families and have limits, i.e, do not let the children sit in front of the TV or play games or be on the internet the whole day. Give your children a good life, and this I don't mean in a material sense. Remember that



Clockwise: Steve Ouma (dad), Sarah Waithira Ouma (mum), Linet Achieng Ouma and Zawadi Wanjiku Ouma.

you as a parent is the first teacher and your children are a reflection of you. Behave well, speak properly and be kind to others. These are the traits your children will pick from you.

This way, they will see their peers and it will encourage them to participate. I've brought up my children in faith, helping them understand God by trying to answer their questions as honestly as possible. Sometimes the pre-adolescent and the adolescent children feel like they are out of place in church. **CE**

Interview by,
Lucy Ndinguri
Consolata Shrine

With all its challenges, there is no alternative for the family

By Stephen Ndegwa

Even in the best of times, successfully raising a family today has become a task similar to traversing a minefield. Every step of the way is fraught with delicate social and financial pitfalls that threaten to frustrate one's efforts. Indeed, the modern world has become so licentious and insecure, that many people are giving up on the marriage institution altogether.

Sadly, children are witnessing painful and embarrassing incidents in our homes, and are finding that they may not be able to cope in future. Consequently, living single is increasingly becoming the better option for one's sanity and freedom. The family situation the world over needs urgent redress, failure to which society will gradually decay.

I and my wife Jane have been married for at least 17 years, which is the age of our first born son Brian, now in Form 3. We have two other children, Stephanie aged 13 years in Class 8, and Aaron aged 8 years. The latter is autistic and has not started formal schooling due to certain behavioural and cognitive shortcomings.

Like any other family, our experience so far has been both enriching and challenging. We



The good times circa 2010. From left, the writer holding son Aaron, son Brian, daughter Stephanie and wife Jane.

have gone through good times like taking enchanting holidays and other forms of fun. We have also had some very tough times. But we would not have it any other way, because, really, family life is a microcosm of the society with all its eccentricities. Circumstances beyond our control have forced us to compromise some ideals in order to adapt.

We started off when there was not much of the social chaos currently going on. As parents of a previous generation, we were encultured in certain rules and regulations regarding our familial roles. As husband and man of the house, my place as the head of the family was pre-determined, and so was that of my wife and mother of the children.

The latter also know their place in the family tree.

However, times have changed and we have had to grapple with the emerging thinking on gender roles. Further, we have ceded considerable ground in a world awash with children's rights. Still, we have tried hard to maintain a semblance of the traditional family structure. But there is no denying it, the traditional family unit is under siege.

I think the major reason for this is the pervading culture of materialism. Many spouses are marrying for money. If, and when the money goes, the marriage and, of course, the family, become untenable. The values and mores of the family that have been in existence for eons have been really compromised for expediency.

In April last year, Pope Francis' released an Apostolic Exhortation entitled, *Amoris Laetitia*, or the Joy of Love. In the document, the Pope affirmed the Catholic "Church's teaching that stable families are the building blocks of a healthy society, and a place where children learn to love, respect and interact with others".

But the Pope is also cognizant of the massive challenges facing families today and urges Catholics to be caring, rather than judgemental, of those whose "lives do not reflect the teaching of the Church". The encyclical goes beyond the biblical and spiritual to practical discussions of love and sexuality, in addition to other modern and fundamental challenges facing the family including unemployment, inadequate housing, migration and violence.

Indeed, our main challenge as a family has

been financial. We decided at the beginning that my wife should resign from her secretarial job in order to specialize in home making, until such a time that the children would be advanced in schooling. As a sole breadwinner, therefore, my family's welfare had depended on my changing fortunes.

The crunch came a couple of years ago after I decided to go into full time consultancy. Coupled with the expenses of raising an autistic child, life has been extremely demanding, with many things one had previously taken for granted becoming luxury items. Still, God has been magnanimous during this lean period. Our bond as a family has become much stronger rather than weakened.

Ultimately, there are certain inalienable and irreducible minimums that are crucial to the survival of families. Even as we allow a dose of liberalism in the family unit, we should not lose its core values, which are the ingredients of any relationship. Basically, successful marriages equal successful families. Both are sides of the same coin.

There can be no replacement for shared values and mutual ideals like love, faithfulness, commitment, trust and respect in the family. We must urgently work at forestalling the high rate of divorce to safeguard the family, and society, from eventually disintegrating. We must also work hard at restoring the stability of the social institutions that have ensured steadfastness of the family since time immemorial. **CE**

The writer is the Founder, Special Needs Dads, an organization of fathers raising challenged children. Email: specialneedsdads@gmail.com



The family of Smita and Jones with their beloved sons Chris (left) and Reeve.

Mrs. Foncesca, a parishioner at Consolata Shrine talks about her family experiences in light of the family day celebrations.

My name is Smita, I am 38 years old. My husband Jones is 43 years old. We have two children Chris and Reeve aged 13 and 9 years respectively.

How about your journey of faith?

Were you both cradle Catholics from birth or did you come to the faith later.

We are both Catholics since birth and we have had faith in God since childhood.

Has it been difficult being a Christian in the Catholic tradition in today's environment?

Nothing is difficult about being a Catholic. We are proud to be Catholics and we have faith in Jesus Christ.

What are the joys and challenges of teaching and passing on your faith to the children?

I send my children to Sunday school every Saturday. We also pray at home every evening for at least 30 minutes.

As we conclude the Parish Year of the Family, can you please share with the Parish Family, one activity which has enriched the spiritual life of your own Family?"

When Pope Francis visited Kenya, our lives were truly enriched spiritually.

We came to Kenya from Bombay in 2012 and are very happy to be here.

Thanks a lot for your time in participating to share your experiences with the Consolata Shrine Family. **CE**

Interview by Claire, Consolata Shrine



Elizabeth Munyakho family

Elizabeth Munyakho is a 62 year old parishioner at Consolata Shrine. She is a mother of two, a 42 year old daughter and a 40 year old son. She is a grandmother of 8.

Elizabeth feels at home at Consolata Shrine. She enjoys every moment when working and when praying. But it has not always been like this. She was born and raised in the Salvation Army church. In 1975, she converted to Catholicism – took catechism classes for her Baptism, first Holy Communion and Confirmation. It has been 42 years growing in the Catholic faith and she has not looked back.

She has diligently brought up her children in the faith. They are now adults. She continues to pass on the faith to her grandchildren, some of whom she lives with. One of her grandson is an altar servant, another is in the PMC and another received her first Holy Communion this November. She finds great delight and satisfaction in seeing her grandchildren grow in faith. She is a member of the Catholic Women Association (CWA) and a proclaimer. Elizabeth who works at the Shrine finds great joy working in the church. 'It's the right place to work. I enjoy it all' she adds cheerfully.



Elizabeth Munyakho with some of her grandchildren.

Her favorite prayer is the Hail Mary "I do not tire to ask our mother Mary to intercede for me in all my needs. I trust her fully" she discloses. She adds that prayers have been most helpful in her life. Her strong Faith enables her to remain hopeful, endure challenges and to take care of her children and grandchildren.

She has a message for Consolata parishioners and for the larger Christian family 'We must be strong in Faith, believing in God and trusting in his unfailing providence. Our mother Mary always listens to our prayers, let us plead to her. Our faith must be solid and enduring" she says emphatically. **CE**

Interview by; Njeri Muathe Consolata Shrine

Consolata Youth Rehabilitation Programme (COYREP)

Consolata Youth Rehabilitation Programme (COYREP) is an NGO initiated by the Pastoral Council of Consolata Shrine, Westlands and registered by the Government in 2001. The purpose of forming the NGO was to supplement the charity efforts of Consolata Shrine parishioners and to collaborate with other committees in the parish. This ensures implementation of sustainable projects and focused solicitation of funds for the sake of uplifting the lives of the poor within the two informal settlements of Highridge, namely **Deep sea and Maasai**.

COYREP is managed by a Board under the Chairmanship of **Mr. Arthur Namu** and **Mrs. Phyllis Kimbo** the Treasurer and the Parish Priest, **Fr. Daniel Berte**. A Projects Coordinator is fully engaged in the day to day operations of the organization. A number of other staff members are involved in various projects. We have managed to attract financial and professional support both from well wishers and organizations locally and abroad.

The COYREP Board wishes to acknowledge support from all Consolata Shrine parishioners and well wishers who have so far responded to our appeal for resources of both cash and kind to support the various charity activities.

Strategic plan

Coyrep activities are guided by a five year strategic plan 2016-2021. The strategic plan is at the implementation stage.

Vision: 'Promotion of the Kingdom of God and the integrity of creation among the needy and disadvantaged with preference to the youth' (Luke 4:16-29)

Mission: To rejuvenate hope and better future to the disadvantaged communities, with particular focus on the youth in Deep Sea informal settlement, Nairobi, through promotion of education, access to healthcare, socio-economic empowerment and facilitation of access to safe water and sanitation.

We have focused on four key sectors of charity work: **Education, Health, Economic Empowerment, Water and Sanitation.**

EDUCATION

COYREP has tried to give hope of life through improvement of education to the needy children of the two informal settlements within Highridge, namely (**Deep Sea and Masai**). COYREP runs a nursery school, which was started in year 2000. Our enrolment stands at 150 children and a teaching staff of six. We have a feeding



Fr Caesar blesses the Nursery graduands during their graduation at their school recently.

programme at the school where children are provided with porridge and lunch every day of the week. After three years, the children graduate to city council primary schools (Highridge, North Highridge, City primary, Visa Oshwal, Parklands Primary and Aga Khan primary school) where we assist with partial school fees based on the needs of the students.

We also carry out routine spiritual and moral *guidance and counseling*. COYREP has sponsored a number of children from needy families in high schools, special school, university and college levels. Coyrep is in the process of registering the nursery school.

Well wisher can assist the education project by sponsoring a student, donating food stuffs (Unga, beans, Cooking oil, rice, Green grams and porridge flour), Stationery (pencils, molding plasticine, crayons, manila papers, biro pens, coloured chalks, crayolas, marker pens, scissors, zigzag scissors, pictures books, short story books), improving the playing facility by providing a swing, see saw, slides and merry go round.



Graduands entertaining invited guests during their graduation in November this year.

HEALTH

In 2004, a very simple structure was established in Suswa slum to serve as a clinic. For three and a half years the clinic operated on a road reserve after which we acquired land in Deep sea informal settlement and constructed a more improved health facility. Consolata Shrine Dispensary was officially inaugurated in April 2007 and received an official license in April 2008. It operates from Monday to Friday with a full time clinical officer, Laboratory technician and Pharmacist. Doctors visit every Wednesday and Friday. We also offer laboratory services especially focusing on the most basic tests. A group of community health workers have been trained to work under the assistance of the clinical officers and doctors to provide home based care to the HIV/AIDS patients and to assist in our supplementary feeding programme for malnourished children and lactating mothers. We hold an annual medical camp where we offer free medical services. We appeal for medicine donations from various pharmaceutical companies and well wishers from Consolata Shrine community. Volunteer medical practitioners offer their free services during the event.



Above: Medical personnel offering medical services to residents of Deep Sea during the just concluded medical camp at Deep Sea.

Right: Patients on queues wait for their turns for medical services.



The services offered at the dispensary are:

- Outpatient services
- Tuberculosis and HIV clinics
- Diabetes and Hypertension clinic
- Child welfare clinic
- Antenatal clinic
- Laboratory services
- Pharmacy
- Annual free medical camp

Due to the absence of a nurse at the dispensary, the child welfare and antenatal clinic have reduced.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

COYREP has planned activities that involve the disadvantaged in economically gainful projects that provide them with sustenance, self esteem and development. We have a Crafts Training Centre at Deep Sea informal settlement where the youth train and produce handicrafts in the **Craft Center** and an **African Fashion Unit** where women train and produce artistic textile items and school uniforms for local and international market and a **hairdressing department** where students train on hairdressing and beauty therapy. Well wishers can assist the charitable efforts of COYREP by buying or marketing the handicrafts and African Fashion products from our Training Centre at Deep Sea or the display shop at the Consolata Shrine. This way, we shall empower the youth. We would also like to appeal to all those with direct or indirect contact with NGOs, companies or any other potential donors to assist us in financing for our Training and charity activities.

WATER AND SANITATION

In collaboration with other stakeholders e.g. KWAHO, Coyrep facilitated the installation of toilets and bathrooms in Deep sea. There are 25 toilets and 16 bathrooms. There is a common water point where the residents fetch water and wash their clothes as well hanging lines. There are two staff members from Deep Sea employed on full time basis to maintain the facility.

For further information and enquiries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the project coordinator at the social work office or the Parish Priest at the parish office Tel: 0722 615105 Email: coyrepke@yahoo.co.uk or philythuku@yahoo.com

Once again we thank you for your continued support and collaboration by supporting our efforts of serving the less fortunate in the society. May God bless you and your families.

Phyllis Thuku,
Coyrep Project Coordinator, Consolata Shrine

ADVENT 2017

Be near me, Lord Jesus.
I ask you to stay
Close by me forever,
And love me, I pray.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1st Sunday



"Keep constant watch and pray."

Luke 21:36

December 4

Do you know why Advent is a time for watching and praying?



The Savior is coming!

Lions and lambs, wolves and calves all together!



That's the picture of peace that the Savior gives. Read Isaiah 11:1-10.

6 PAX PAIX PAZ SHALOM FRIEDE

Pray for peace all over the world!



7 And pray for peace in your heart too!



Then read Colossians 3:15.

8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Make Mom or Grandma a heart sashet for Christmas. Cut two hearts from fabric scraps. Place the hearts together and sew around the edge, but leave an opening. Stuff good-smelling things inside—tea, cloves, cotton balls dipped in cinnamon or lemon extract. Sew the opening closed, add a ribbon and don't forget to say, "I love you!"



2nd Sunday



"Prepare a road for the Lord to travel on! ... then all shall see the Savior sent from God."

Luke 3:4, 6

11

Advent is also a time for preparing. Play Christmas carols when you help with baking and decorating.



12 OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

Remember that the green of the Christmas tree is a symbol of God's everlasting love & its shape points us to heaven.



Christmas gifts take lots of preparing. Think about the gifts God has given to you. List some of them here:

13

Use your gifts to "gift" someone else. Paint a picture! Give a hug or a big smile! Run an errand! Think of different kinds of gifts this Christmas! Read 1 Timothy 6:17-18.



15

John the Baptist says to make the road straight for the Lord to travel on. How can we do that? Read John's answer in Luke 3:10-16.

Have a "Doodle Dinner" tonight. Decorate large pieces of paper with Advent words or Christmas scenes. Now you have new placemats for dinner!



3rd Sunday



"I baptize with water ... but he will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

Luke 3:16

This week's Advent candle is pink for "joy." Make a "joy" decoration for your tree with buttons, sequins and marker pens



Mary and Elizabeth waited joyfully for their babies. Do you think they danced? What do you do when you are joyful?



What part do you have in the Christmas program? Play your part joyfully!



21 During Advent we share with others in need.



God gives to us all year long, and we can give joyfully all year long, too!

Read 2 Cor 9:7.



Christmas is almost here. Use some quiet time to write a prayer poem, thanking God for sending his Son to be our Savior.



4th Sunday



"The Savior, yes, the Messiah, is born tonight in Bethlehem!"

Luke 2:11

Christmas Day

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"Come on! Let's go to Bethlehem and see!"

Luke 2:15



First Holy Communion 2017

9am Class

1. Abigail Abisagi Moora
2. Adella Nyirisi Lidovolo
3. Angel Grace Nyambura
4. Angel Williams
5. Angela Mpuga Musiime
6. Angela Nyawansa Lidovolo
7. Angelique Namulekhwa Chetambe
8. Angelo Silo
9. Anna Njambi Karanja
10. Austin Gicho Nganga
11. Banice Thibira
12. Benedict Mwangi Maina
13. Bhavya Grace Nagothu
14. Brian Mbote Gikaru
15. Cecilia Wanjiru Githere
16. Charles Jude Gichuru
17. Christian Kiriga
18. Christine Wangui Karuhi
19. Daniel Mugambi Mburu
20. Daniella Muthoni Njuguna
21. Debra Nikal Omondi
22. Elina Moraa
23. Ernest Githui Gaiko
24. Esther Wanjia Kahuko
25. Ethan Kinyanjui Kamau
26. Gabriela Ajiambo
27. Gabriella Akinyi Odur
28. Ian Kibe Waiyaki
29. Izel Escobar Waitheira
30. Izo Ndemi Njuguna
31. James Collins Babu Wanjiru
32. Kamille Njuhi Waweru
33. Karoki Mathu
34. Leon Ritchy Ingoyi
35. Luis Baptista Alves
36. Lyn Tunu Wanday
37. Malia Wacuka Matu
38. Maria Collette Anyango
39. Michael Ngigi Theuri
40. Mitchel Wanjiku Muchene
41. Navya Nagothu
42. Nicolette Kwamboka Makori
43. Nikita Nyaboke Marigiri
44. Paul Jay Gikuri Macharia
45. Purity Ayuma
46. Ruth Nabulwala

47. Ryan Bassa
48. Samuel Kiriga
49. Stanslaus Juma Kamito
50. Sydney Kagure Mwangi
51. Tesslie Waridi Njeru
52. Thandie Wanjiru Muya
53. Tumba Wanyacha Opere
54. Valencia Mueni
55. Vanessa Muthoni Mugendi
56. Victor Benedict Mwiti
57. Zina Anaya G.W.Kiai

3pm Class 2017

1. Abigail Kendi Mwaki
2. Brian Moracha Ekanyi
3. Bridgit Wambui Kibunja
4. Emerantia Wanjiru Gitau
5. Enrico Mwangi
6. Elijah Mwenja Ndegwa
7. Eric Nwuba Tobenna Chukwuemeka
8. Francis Asiago Oluk
9. Francesco Kimani
10. Gitonga Wambugu Wanjau
11. Hedwig Jemutai Kemoi
12. Heza Jonathan Munyarukayo
13. Jeremy Njau
14. Jonathan Mutua Makumbi
15. Leo Kinoti Njeru
16. Lucille Njoki Mueti
17. Luke Mungai Nduati
18. Matthew Mwangi
19. Mitch Philip Verwiel
20. Munodashe Marechera
21. Paulina Valentine Ayiamba Mahaga
22. Peter Mwangi Mburu
23. Raynald Waiganjo Gitau
24. Ruth Wanjeri Ndirangu
25. Ryan Joseph Ndungu Waitthaka
26. Shanice Grace Auma
27. Shantel Hope Njeri Gichure
28. Stephanie Karimi Njiru
29. Stephanie Wambui
30. Steven Leopold Van Der Borcht
31. Tracy Mbithe Kiio
32. Victor Duncan Ndirangu
33. Will Efata Makumbi
34. Zahra Maria Wamakongio
35. Zinaida Busolo

School Holidays

1. Leocardia Michelle Wambui
2. Stanley Mwangi Chege
3. Juliet Watiri
4. Felicity Nyambura
5. Paul Hakeem Ochieng
6. Ian Miles Mwavizo
7. Natasha Mbaya
8. Ryan Muiruri

Flora Hostels

1. Peter Darrell Maranga
2. Antony Pendo Maina
3. Bianca Nafuna
4. Miguel Wanjala
5. Kizito Omuga

Baptisms in November

1. Isarael Waiguru Robi of Victoria Njoki and Gilbert Robi
2. Michael Kariuki of Monica Wanjiku and Stephen Ngugi
3. Robert Tsotsato of Mary Maneno and Isaiah Onsongo
4. Neema Taji Riany of Jane Obanda and Ambrose Obondo
5. Messiah Joachim of Magreth Joachim and Mjoachim Kisamo
6. Jayden James Matu of Lucy Nduta and Robert Njuguna
7. Jason Denga of Vivian Achieng and Moses Denga Okwiri
8. Leanne Kanana of Elizabeth Muthoni and Denis Gikundi
9. Aaron Mwacharo of Catherine Mwacharo
10. Adrian Mutugu of Felisters Wanjiru and Joseph Njoroge

Marriage Banns in December 2017

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. Anne Serah Njambi Wanjui and Joseph Barage Wanjui
2. Maxine Khakasa Nabukwesi and Savio Ochieng Omalla
3. Trudea Namwali Juma and John Chege Njuguna
4. Judith Nthambi Masinga and Martin Muendo Kitavi

5. Amanda Shirley Severina Nazareth and Colin Malcom Correia
6. Doreen Jepnetich Metto and Vitalis Maurice Wanyonyi

Note: if anyone knows of any particular reason why the above ceremony cannot take place, please report immediately to the Parish Priest.

Weddings in November 2017

1. Martha Anyango Oromo and Dancan Desterio Onyango
2. Maisara Cheron Othman and John Derick Akello
3. Maureen Mumbi Maina and Martin Njoroge Kimani
4. Giulia Paioni and Thomas Claude Andre Corfmat
5. Lynette Wacheke Gitahi and Gerry Musomba Ndungu
6. Anita Mwikali Mukala and Titus Mbiti Mutua
7. Tracey Jane Auma Shiundu and Samuel Kamande Wambui



Tracey weds Samuel in a colourful wedding ceremony at Consolata Shrine on Friday 24th, November 2017. The couple has been very active at Consolata Shrine, lately serving in Charity Committee.

*By Josephine Koki and Sammy Kakai
Catechists, St. Joseph and Consolata Shrine*

EVENTS OF THE PARISH FOR DECEMBER 2017

MISSIONARY INTENTION: Universal: The Elderly.

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Sun 3	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT CONSOLATA FAMILY DAY 1 st step for Adult catechumens during 12noon mass Adult catechumens close Annual Musical Seminar
Wed 6	Youth Taize Retreats at Mji wa Furaha (6 th -10 th Dec)
Thu 7	St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor
Fri 8	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>Solemnity</i> Candle lit Procession after the 5:30pm mass Youth Deanery Planning by council members
Sat 9	100% free MYM Youth Concert National Youth Festivals at Kitui Diocese Youth end of year Dinner
Sun 10	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Prayer for the sick, for their families and for health workers at all masses Youth Mass/In house activity Formation for parents and sponsors of infant baptism at 3pm Second Choir Masters Workshop St Theresa SCC Get together/thanksgiving day at Consolata Shrine Charismatics: visit to Children's home
Mon 11	Junior Youth Camp 11th - 15th December
Tue 12	JAMHURI DAY , Mass follow the Saturday schedule Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wed 13	Formation of parents and guardian with infants for baptism
Thu 14	Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor
Sat 16	Deaf Community mass Liturgical Interpreters (holy Family Basilica) Infant Baptism at 2.30pm
Sun 17	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Prayer for the family at all masses Proclaimers end/Christmas party and possible talk on how to identify a life partner for those who are searching
Tue 19	Charismatic end year thanksgiving Mass
Sun 24	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Praying for expectant mothers/families in all masses
Mon 25	CHRISTMAS DAY <i>Solemnity</i>
Tue 26	SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR <i>Feast</i>
Wed 27	SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST <i>Feast</i>
Thu 28	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS <i>Feast</i> Praying for all children at all masses
Fri 29	Fifth day within the Octave of Christmas
Sun 31	THE HOLY FAMILY The Catholic teachings on Parenting All choirs in the Vigil Mass